

ETON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1948To the Chairman and Members of the Eton Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the report for the year 1948. Its late appearance is regretted, and is due to the fact that, following the unfortunate sudden death of Dr. Hill, there was no permanent Medical Officer of Health for the District.

Statistics for the area once again indicate that the general health of the population compares very favourably when judged by National Standards. The Death rate was 8.9 per 1,000, compared with 9.3 for the previous year and the national figure of 10.8.

The Birth rate, at 14.6, is still below the national rate of 17.9 per 1,000. It is satisfactory to note that the Infantile Mortality rate of 29.87 is again below the National rate of 34.

Vital Statistics.

Population (Registrar General's Estimate Mid-year) - 4590

Live Births.

Total	67	Male 39	Female 28
Legitimate	68	" 38	" 28
Illegitimate	1	" 1	" Nil

Birth rate per 1,000 population (excluding boys at Eton College)
14.6

National rate.....17.9

Still Births.

Total	1	Male -	Female 1
Legitimate	1	" -	" 1
Illegitimate	-		

Still birth rate per 1,000 population 0.22

National rate..... 0.42

Deaths

Total	41	Male 21	Female 20
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Death rate per 1,000 population..... 8.9

National rate..... 10.8

Number of women dying in or in consequence of child birth.

(a) From sepsis.....Nil

(b) From other causes.....Nil

Death Rates from Puerperal Causes per 1,000 Total Births.

(a) From sepsis	Nil	National rate	0.13
(b) From other causes	Nil	National rate	0.73
(c) Total	Nil	National	0.86

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

Total	2	Male	2	Female	Nil
Legitimate	1	"	1	"	Nil
Illegitimate	1	"	1	"	Nil

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age.

All Infants per 1,000 live births..... 29.87

National rate.....34.

Deaths from Measles (All ages)

Male....Nil..... Female..Nil..... Total Nil

Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages)

Male....Nil..... Female..Nil..... Total Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)

Male.... 1 Female....Nil..... Total 1

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Heart disease	6	10	16
Cerebral Haemorrhage	2	4	6
Encephalitis	-	1	1
Cancer	1	2	3
Broncho pneumonia	6	3	9
Ac. influenzal pneumonia	1	-	1
Drowning	2	-	2
Road traffic Accident	1	-	1
Other causes	2	-	2
	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>41</u>

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply. With the construction of new houses in Tilston Field a very serious shortage of pressure and water in the Boveney New Town area has been experienced. During the year agreement has been reached with Windsor Corporation to lay a new 6 inch main from Eton to Eton Wick which will remedy this shortage. Approval has been received from the Ministry of Health to the works and the new main is expected to be laid early in 1949.

Drainage and Sewerage. The method of disposal is by broad irrigation on the Council's Sewerage Farm at Eton Wick, this has been carried out without complaint. During the year negotiations have been concluded for the disposal of Eton sewage by the Slough Corporation at their Cippenham Purification Works. The joint agreement has been approved by the Ministry of Health and the negotiation for the construction of the sewer to Slough is now proceeding.

Only 11 properties remain to be connected to the public sewers. This excludes the 17 properties for which no public sewer facilities are available.

The cesspools are emptied frequently, the contents of which are disposed of at the Sewage Farm. During the year the Council approved a scheme for the installation of automatically operated sewage pumps which should come into operation when the sewage goes to Slough. This will prevent the sewers being surcharged at night as at present.

Salvage. During the year limited salvage has been undertaken. The following material has been salvaged:-

	Tons	Cwts.	£	s	d
Paper.....	29	10	92	0	0
Bottles and Jars.....	8	15	17	9	0
Bones.....	-	-	-	-	-

In addition private pig dealers have carried out a through collection of kitchen waste and approximately 350 pigs are fed from this source.

There is a very active collection of waste paper by the Berkshire Waste Paper Company and many of the Council's sources of collection are now collected directly by this Company, causing a drop in the Council's finances.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Number of Council Houses infested.....	nil
Number of other houses infested.....	nil
Number of Council Houses disinfested.....	nil
Number of other houses disinfested.....	nil

Miscellaneous Controlled Premises.

<u>Description</u>	<u>No. in District.</u>	<u>No. Registered.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections made.</u>
Bakehouses	2	2	12
Slaughterhouses	1	1	not used
Cowkeepers	7	7)	22
Dairies (including Milk Retailers)	15	15)	

Out-Workers. The latest list of out-workers contains 15 persons engaged with 4 firms on tailoring work.

Disinfection. Rooms in 7 houses were disinfected after cases of infectious disease.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply. There were 6 supplementary Milk Licences issued under the Milk and Dairies (Special Designations) Order, 1936/38.

Meat and other Foods. 14 stones of fish, 67 lbs. of meat, 2 lbs. of tinned meat, 4½ lbs. of tinned fish, 25 lbs. cheese, and 144 tins of tinned foods and preserves have been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Ice Cream and Preserved Foods.

During the year two additional premises were registered for the sale or manufacture of ice cream and preserved foods under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act 1938, 23 premises are now registered for this purpose. One application was refused as unsatisfactory.

Details of Sanitary Inspection.

<u>Drainage.</u>		<u>Housing.</u>	
New drainage work.....	6	Dampness.....	13
Existing drainage.....	4	Defective ceilings	2
Interviews with owners		Defective range	13
re drains.....	1	Defective well.....	nil
Blocked sewers.....	2		
Defective drains	nil		
Deposits of sewerage.....	nil		

<u>Cowsheds and Dairies.</u>		<u>Miscellaneous.</u>	
Advice to owner.....	1	Inspection of fairs....	3
Premises not being used.....	nil	Inspection of	
Dirty floors.....	4	bakehouses...	12
Limewashing required.....	7	Water analyses.....	1
Roof dirty.....	3	Nuisance of pests.....	nil
		Nuisance of bugs.....	nil

Rodent Control.

During the year 1 overall initial sewer treatment was carried out followed by 1 maintainance treatment. 118 cases of infestation were reported or found, all cases of infestation have been treated with satisfaction. 386 rat bodies were recovered on the surface.

Housing.

Seven licences have been issued to private enterprise for new houses, 3 have been completed and occupied. A licence was granted to one house for occupation for a further 12 months.

At December 31st 1948 the Council had completed the following post war houses:-

- 12 Prefabricated Bungalows.
- 8 Four Bedroom Houses
- 2 One Bedroom Houses.
- 4 Two Bedroom Houses.
- 44 Three Bedroom Houses.

and had under construction a further

16 Two Bedroom Flats,
11 Three Bedroom Houses.
1 Four Bedroom Houses.

In addition 2 large houses were requisitioned and converted into 3 flats.

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